

1 Q. Further to the response to PUB-NLH-217, page 9 which states that up to 300 MW of  
2 import via the Maritime Link would be available in the event of a complete outage  
3 of the Labrador Island Link and the response to CA-NLH-028 which assumes 300  
4 MW is available, explain in detail the sources for such 300 MW and the  
5 arrangements in place to secure access to this capacity. If no arrangements are in  
6 place, explain the steps that must be taken to ensure access when needed to this  
7 capacity.

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10 A. The Interconnection Operators Agreement (IOA), between Hydro and Nova Scotia  
11 Power Inc. (NSPI), outlines a framework for emergency assistance between Hydro  
12 and NSPI. Please refer to Hydro's response to PUB-NLH-220 (Attachment 7). The  
13 joint technical analysis completed by Hydro and NSPI has confirmed the technical  
14 viability of importing up to 300 MW of capacity into Newfoundland via the  
15 Maritime Link. Preliminary discussions with both NSPI and New Brunswick Power  
16 have indicated a willingness by both parties to negotiate arrangements that in the  
17 event of an emergency in Newfoundland, standby generation in the Maritimes  
18 could be started to provide up to 300 MW of capacity.

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20 Over the next 12 to 18 months, Hydro will continue discussions with both NSPI and  
21 New Brunswick Power to fully explore all emergency assistance and reserve sharing  
22 opportunities between Newfoundland and the Maritimes and finalize an  
23 arrangement (s).